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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SOMETIMES EVEN YOUR BEST FRIENDS WON'T TELL YOU

TENTH PARTY CONGRESS:

1. ILLUSTRATIVE OF SECRECY WITH WHICH TENTH CCP CONGRESS HELD, FRENCH HAVE TOLD US THAT ON AUGUST 29 ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR WAS SUMMONDED FROM A DINNER PARTY BY FONMIN CHI PENG-FEI AT ABOUT 8:30. HE RETURNED TO THE DINNER ABOUT HALF HOUR LATER WREATHED IN SMILES TO SAY FONMIN HAD JUST INFORMED HIM THAT PARTY CONGRESS CONCLUDED. ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR, ALSO PRESENT, ALLOWED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED EARLIER, BUT FRENCH, WHO HAD BEEN TOLD BY ALBANIANS THE DAY BEFORE THAT THE CONGRESS HAD NOT STARTED BUT WOULD BE HELD SOON, ARE SURE THAT ALBANIAN PRIOR KNOWLEDGE WAS MATTER OF A FEW HOURS.

2. AT DINNER AUGUST 30, EAST GERMAN DIPLOMAT TOLD STORY OF CONVERSATION OVERHEARD BETWEEN CHOU EN-LAI AND LE DUAN AT LATTER'S ARRIVAL IN PEKING AUGUST 29. OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN PARTY CONGRESS DEVELOPMENTS, LE DUAN ASKED, IN EFFECT, "WHAT'S NEW?" CHOULD REPLIED, "NOTHING."
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